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ESSAYS OF J. B. S. HALDANE

Dear Mr. Lederberg:

I wonder if you have had a chance to write to Helen Spurway concerning Haldane's essays.

Recently I have talked to Mrs. H. J. Muller about reprinting some of Muller's papers and she seemed to be interested. For some time, we have tried to persuade her to allow us to reprint OUT OF THE NIGHT; it is no longer protected by copyright and anyone can do this if they so wish. She understands this but is hesitant on account of the book's Marxist attitudes.

Why this bothers her so much, I don't know. I find it amusing sometimes to come across books which give profound explanations of why intellectuals were attracted to Marxism in the thirties, not for once considering that it might have been the most reasonable thing to do.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,

Michael Aronson

Michael A. Aronson
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sent copy of Haldane book review #133

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